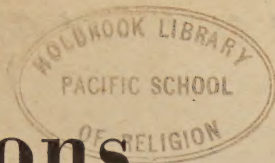


# Social Questions Bulletin



*The Methodist Federation for Social Action, an unofficial membership organization, seeks to deepen within the Church the sense of social obligation and opportunity to study, from the Christian point of view, social problems and their solutions; and to promote social action in the spirit of Jesus. The Federation rejects the method of the struggle for profit as the economic base for society and seeks to replace it with social-economic planning to develop a society without special class or group discriminations and privileges.*

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## FEDERATION CALLS MEMBERSHIP TO REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MEETINGS

### Theme: Prophetic Religion and the World Crisis

It is extremely important in these days of mounting tensions and struggle that sincere, peace-loving people meet together to discuss and act on the vital issues facing our country and the peoples of the whole world. We believe that the MFSA has a special role to fill in seeking to "deepen within the Church the sense of social obligation . . . and to promote social action in the spirit of Jesus." Won't you join with us in these meetings:

**MID-WESTERN REGIONAL** at George Williams College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, May 9-11. Registration from 3-6 Tuesday, meetings through Thursday luncheon. Discussions on labor, cooperatives, and peace with speakers including Dr. John B. Thompson, Dean of the Chapel, Chicago University, Darrell D. Randall, recently returned from Africa, Dr. Willard Uphaus, Executive Secretary of National Religion and Labor Foundation. Stay in heated cabins; total cost \$12 plus \$3 for registration. Get there by Northwestern RR to Williams Bay, Milwaukee RR to Walworth, or by Greyhound Bus. Arrangements made by Chicago MFSA Chapter. Contact: Rev. Reynold Hoover, 924 E. 76th Street, Chicago 19.

**EASTERN REGIONAL** at New York East Conference Grounds, Shelter Island, N. Y. (Long Island), June 20-22. Begins with supper on Tuesday, closes with lunch on Thursday. Among the speakers will be Arthur Garfield Hays, Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher, Dr. Willard Uphaus, Dr. Theodore C. Bobilin, Dr. Clyde R. Miller. Program planned by the host New York East Chapter leaders. Total cost will be \$10, plus \$3 registration. Get in touch with Rev. Wayne White, 2572 Poplar St., Bronx, N. Y.

As we go to press, these are the only two regional meetings scheduled. It is possible that Southern and Western regional meetings will be arranged, and if so you will be notified. Please plan to attend the meeting nearest you.

**NATIONAL MEETING** at Wilberforce College, Wilberforce, Ohio, July 18-20. Opens with supper Tuesday, ends with lunch Thursday. Important speakers include Dr. John B. Thompson, Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, Pres. Charles Hill, Darrell D. Randall, Bishop Francis J. McConnell. Purpose is to plan a Federation education and action program for peace and democracy. Total cost only \$7.50, plus \$3.00 registration.

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## Methodist Printing Plant Closed

BY ARMAND GUERRERO \*

The world pays little attention to the church, because too often the church does not practice what it preaches.

When the Methodist Board of Publications recently closed the printing plant at Chicago and transferred the work to Cincinnati and Nashville where it could be cheaper, the Chicago plant was not losing money; the logic of the situation will pave the way for ultimate abandonment of the union plant in Cincinnati and centering all church printing facilities in the non-union Nashville plant.

**SOCIAL IDEALS UNDERMINED**—The church social creed makes high-sounding statements about just wages, security, collective bargaining; yet we find ourselves torpedoing standards achieved according to these social ideals.

Early in 1949 circumstances brought the decision to transfer printing the *Christian Advocate* from Chicago to Cincinnati. Chicago Methodism immediately became concerned. The Chicago Methodist Ministers Association, countersigned by the bishop, addressed a resolution to the Board of Publications suggesting that other printing be brought to the Chicago plant.

In the interview accompanying the resolution, the Public Policy Committee found both the Chicago Publishing Agent and the Chicago lay member of the executive committee of the Publication Board opposed to closing the printing plant, admitting however that study had been authorized costing \$15,000.

**EMPLOYEES EXPENDABLE**—Meanwhile a great expansion program had begun in Nashville where production costs were lowest; so closing the Chicago plant was not retrenchment, but a deliberate attempt to show greater earnings, though about fifty persons (mostly with long years of church service) would have to be considered economic expendables. A few weeks before his death, Dr. Ernest Tittle gave much needed strength pleading for retention of the Chicago plant.

The employees were not covered by social security because they were in the employ of a religious institution, and they had felt the church would never turn them loose.

**ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OBSCURED**—However, despite protestations of Chicago Methodism, the Chicago Publishing Agent and Chicago lay member changed their minds and made unanimous the recommendation to the Board of Publications that the Chicago plant be discontinued. The Board voted on Sept. 15th to have the recommendation carried out by Oct. 31st. There was no opportunity for opponents to bring out the ethical meaning; no time for the church conscience to react.

The two Chicagoans who changed their minds were called before the Ministers Association. They explained the move was recommended for contemplated savings of \$145,000 to \$200,000. The printing cost was alleged to be 57c an hour more at Chicago than Cincinnati, and \$1.07 more than Nashville.

Let it be remembered that the printing and publishing interests of Methodism are in the process of expansion; consolidation of any two of the three printing plants would necessarily show a book saving. The engineering study was levelled against the plant in Chicago, the center of the graphic arts where, incidentally, wages are most adequate. The space formerly occupied by the printing department is now vacant.

No chances are being taken that the economic gain will not measure up to the estimate. Each employee carried an insurance pension policy upon which he paid about a third. Inasmuch as most of the employees were not quite old enough

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# MESA Program of Study and Action\*

(Concluded from April issue, SQB)

## V. TO CONTEST ALL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY IMPERIALISM.

1. Seek to expand peoples' power (democratic rule) and raise the standard of living (mass purchasing power) throughout the world, remembering that a strong democratic trade union movement is one of our chief allies.
2. Promote political and economic independence for all colonial peoples.
3. Support UN administration and trusteeship over still dependent territories. Develop civilian control of U.S. Pacific dependencies, with promotion of the peoples' social and educational advance.
4. Oppose American economic imperialism as basic to the struggle against British, French, Dutch colonialism.
5. Urge self-determination for Puerto Rico; statehood for Alaska, Hawaii.

## VI. TO SEEK FULL, SOCIALLY USEFUL EMPLOYMENT IN THE DAYS, AND FOR THE NEEDS OF PEACE (the widespread lack of which in the past brought a breakdown of democracy to Germany and other lands—and the lack of which in the future could bring a similar breakdown again to the same and new nations, including the U.S.A.) Full, useful, employment, within the framework of American democracy constitutes, therefore, a basic and immediate goal of MESA.

1. Encourage international economic cooperation (vs. imperialist competition) to promote economic expansion, higher living standards, more world trade:
  - (1) A world-wide reconstruction plan operated by and through the UN to fight starvation and devastation everywhere non-politically.
  - (2) Reciprocal trade extension, etc.
2. Support and promote overall social-economic planning to meet crying human needs, implemented by:
  - (1) Nationally integrated systems of socially owned and operated TVA's, MVA's, CVA's, and a St. Lawrence waterway.
  - (2) Vast public and private housing.
  - (3) Full peacetime use of the plant and equipment built for war, under social control and for the social good.
  - (4) Increased unemployment compensation and expansion of Social Security benefits and extension of coverage to workers in ecclesiastical and other non-profit institutions, domestics, farmers, etc.
  - (5) Expansion of educational facilities and opportunities without discrimination, including e.g., support of Federal Aid to Public (not private) Education.
  - (6) Expansion of recreational and health facilities, to include adequate medical care for all.
  - (7) Constructive public works giving employment to those unable to find private jobs.

- (8) Extension and support of Farm Security Administration, Rural Electrification, and other programs to lift living standards.
- (9) Return to price controls under a democratic form of organization, and with participation by the local community, to keep living costs down.
- (10) Acceptance and application of the principle of an annual living wage and increased minimum wage.
- (11) A strong "Full Employment" bill.

## 3. Support a progressive program to meet rural needs, including

- (1) A thorough study of cooperative ownership of farm machinery.
- (2) Guaranteed floor under farm prices of a fixed percentage of parity.
- (3) Continued low-interest government loans to family farmers.
- (4) Expansion of rural electrification, telephone, road building; health, welfare, and cultural programs.
- (5) Demands for legislation to curb the alarming expansion of large scale and corporation-farm systems and protect the family type farmer who represents a substantial percentage of Americans.
- (6) Urge our Government to give full support to the original program of the International Food and Agriculture Organization.
- (7) Extend more federal employment services to farm labor groups.
- (8) Enlarge and expand the program of federal aid to migrant labor, including more adequate housing.
- (9) Expansion and extension of soil conservation with direct payments to farmers for soil conservation practices.
- (10) An ever-normal granary program on a much expanded basis, with emphasis on federal aid and loans to REA-type of cooperatively-owned storage facilities.
- (11) Federal crop insurance.

## 4. Continue and extend labor-management committees and the cooperation developed during the war to end of a cooperative endeavor to secure maximum employment.

5. Remove discrimination against economically disadvantaged areas (especially the South) to promote industrial and economic expansion.
6. Support a progressive tax program to stimulate sound economic expansion and increase purchasing power at the bottom.
  - (1) Abolition of sales taxes.
  - (2) Levying of stiff inheritance taxes, steeply graduated income taxes.
  - (3) Opposition to any "across the board" reduction in income taxes.

## 7. Accept nationally the proposition that labor-saving machinery and all technological advancement shall serve the community as a whole, not merely the privileged few who own and control the machines (which points to the ultimate ownership and control of the basic means of production by the people as a whole).

## VII. TO COMBAT THE EVILS OF MONOPOLY CAPITALISM BY SEEKING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CURBS ON MONOPOLIES AND CARTELS. Accepting the ultimate goal of public ownership and control of the primary sources of power, we urge:

1. Public or social civilian ownership and control of atomic power.
2. United Nations control to insure the constructive (vs. destructive) production and use of atomic power.

## VIII. TO PROMOTE AN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AIMED AT LASTING PEACE AND PROGRESSIVE CHANGE IN THE WORLD THROUGH THE EXTENSION OF PEOPLES' POWER.

1. Support and implement the Methodist General Conference position on War and Peace. Cooperate to that end with the Commission on World Peace, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and others.
2. Support and implement the United Nations Charter, and seek wholehearted participation in all of its important agencies.
3. Cease manufacture and stockpiling of atom bombs and destroy existing stockpiles.
4. Outlaw the atom bomb and other weapons of mass destruction (e.g., for biological warfare) through U.N.
5. Oppose peacetime military conscription in the U. S. A. and seek its abolition throughout the world as part of a bold, world-wide disarmament program. Repeal the Selective Service Act of 1948.
6. Substantially reduce national military budget.
7. Oppose further militarization of the "Marshall Plan" as in military alliance with Marshall Plan countries.
8. Engage in friendly cooperation with the Soviet Union. End the Cold War. Solve problems through negotiations.
9. Engage in friendly cooperation with the new regimes of Europe (both East and West) and Asia. Secure prompt recognition of the developing new people's government in China and large-scale cooperation and aid.
10. End existing economic, political and military support of colonial regimes, of fascist regimes in Spain and Argentina and of reactionary and protofascist forces in Greece, China, etc.
11. Return to a progressive, democratic, reform program in Japan.
12. Promote a peaceful, unified, democratic Germany, free to develop its own peaceful, economic system. Internationalize the Ruhr for the benefit of all Europe's people.
13. End Diplomatic representation with the Vatican in any guise, in keeping with the principle of separation of Church and State and with the need for a progressive peace policy.
14. Curb the power and influence of international cartels through the kind of intergovernment cooperation in peace which the war proved possible.

\* This program will serve as the basis for discussion and will be acted upon by the regional and national membership meetings. Let us have your ideas as to how it may be strengthened, revised and implemented.



## METHODISTS ACT AGAINST MUNDT BILL

Methodist women, in their assembly, "unalterably opposed the Mundt Bill which violates free speech and conscience."

Leading Massachusetts Methodists (Bishop Lord, President Marsh, Professor DeWolf and Editor Bucke), joined other religious leaders in protesting to the Un-American Activities Committee. Bishop Lord said: "If this theory of government were accepted, it could lead to a totalitarian dictatorship."

In New York Rev. Wayne White, MFSA leader, joined others in calling a city-wide meeting against the bill.

Earlier Congresses failed to pass similar bills largely because of protest from churchmen and others.

The Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union (which lists among its Committee members Federationists Walter Muelder and Emory Bucke) has a most devastating analysis of the bill. (Order from the Union, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, or from MFSA. Single copies free, 2¢ each in quantity.) The Union points out that the bill undermines "everybody's free speech; free thought, peaceful political action and assembly. This is thought control: the end of freedom." The proposed Subversive Activities Board has sweeping powers to destroy or drive underground not only the Communist Party, but any Americans organized for any worthy, non-violent purpose the Communists also espouse: "against race discrimination, for national health insurance, for federal housing. Labor organizations for repeal of Taft-Hartley, or extension of social security, could be wiped out as 'Communist-front.' Any organization which opposed the Atlantic Pact runs the danger of being classed a Communist-front. Disagreement with the Board on foreign policy would put an organization in jeopardy. What dictatorial power for three men!"

"Another test for branding an organization is that it 'fails to disclose' its membership, or 'its meetings are secret.' The Board would hold death power over every union or organization which keeps its membership and meetings private." "Any civic activity comes under scrutiny and possible ban. What become of our constitutional right of assembly?"

Organizations for the bill testified it was against not simply "communism" (of which America has very little), but "socialism," vaguely defined to include all who favor "welfare state" measures. The Chamber of Commerce testified for the bill: "we should avoid socialism like the plague," "treat socialism as prelude to communism." Though some deny the bill outlaws the Communist Party, a recent witness from Veterans of Foreign Wars, made clear it would. Proponents advocated speedy passage despite recognition of many unconstitutional features. American Legion spokesman urged "Please don't wait for court decisions." Virginia Representative Harrison sworn to uphold and respect the Constitution, stated the bill would have "a salutary effect upon the American people" even if unconstitutional.

Organizations against the bill include all sections of labor, A.C.L.U., A.V.C., NAACP, A.D.A., Episcopal League for Social Action, Religion and Labor Foundation, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Congregational Council for Social Action, Northern Baptist's Christian Social Progress Council, etc.

Opponents declare the legislation unnecessary since numerous statutes exist against sabotage, treason, advocacy of force and violence, non-registration of foreign agents. Opponents also cite U. S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson's "If there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation it is that no official . . . can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion."

Mounting opposition to this bill has prevented enactment and increased Congressional opposition. March 4 the Senate Judiciary Committee hastily reported it by 12 to 1 vote (Republican Senator Langer, who also led the Methodist-supported and *Bulletin*-backed fight against alcoholic beverage advertising, cast the opposition vote). April 10 Senator Langer's motion against the bill (for recommitment) lost by 7 to 6.

This undemocratic bill can pass this Congress. Your failure to protest and secure protests can help assure that. If you do not want an America in the image of men like McCarthy, Thomas and Rankin; if you would prevent the breakdown of democracy and preserve those individual liberties which are our glory; if you do not want a totalitarian police state—write today to Senator Langer requesting the Bill and his speech, commending his stand; to President Truman asking him to declare (as two years ago) his plan to veto this bill opposed by forces which brought his 1948 victory; to Senate Majority Leader Lucas asking that he hold this bill to give the American people time to learn its implications and register their opposition; to your own senators and representatives; to the House UnAmerican Activities Committee now continuing hearings.

America inevitably competes for moral and democratic leader-

## Quakers Write Truman About China

(Excerpts from letter by Clarence E. Pickett)

"For over eight years, Friends have been engaged in relief work in China. Some four hundred people have taken part in our projects there and have seen intimately the sufferings.

"First of all, we wish to point out that the Communist success in China is a phase of a deep-seated revolution. In 1911, the revolution was proclaimed by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the leader of the Kuomintang. Now the Communist Party has assumed leadership. They are riding on a tide which has been swelling for many decades. They have received a very large measure of popular support among the peasants and the educated classes of China. Our workers have observed a marked enthusiasm for the new regime among the people.

"Secondly, our protracted observations in Communist territory during the past three years have led us to the conclusion that the success of the Chinese Communist party cannot be attributed to the Russians. None of our returned workers with experience in many parts of Communist-held China below the Great Wall has ever seen any Russian equipment or advisors.

"Thirdly, we have been struck with the sensitivity of the Chinese people to foreign intervention. The Chinese people as a whole are opposed to military aid from the outside. Not only is the Chinese Communist movement an outgrowth of the economic revolution, it is also a manifestation of the growing nationalism of China. The large-scale American military intervention during 1947 and 1948 has played into the Communists' hands in a most dramatic and effective way, of which we could cite many instances. Countless towns and villages in North China have been indiscriminately bombed by American planes.

"Our observations indicate:

(a) that the Communist movement in China has been committed primarily to carrying out a revolution within China. It has close ideological ties with Moscow, but has framed its program with reference to the conditions and traditions of China;

(b) that American intervention has impelled the new government in an anti-American and pro-Russian direction. The Chinese people are hostile to foreign intervention from any source, and at present that is against the United States;

(c) no future intervention short of war can turn the tide.

"We believe that by treating Communist China as an enemy and by refusing to recognize her, we are not isolating China, we are isolating ourselves and throwing away the chance of influencing the course of events in the Orient."

**PEACE MOVEMENT**—The Conference on Church and War to be held in Central Methodist Church, Detroit, May 8-11 will see 500 delegates from the major Protestant denominations, Fellowship of Reconciliation, and peace groups in Canada meeting together to try to determine the Church's stand on war. Observers and visitors are welcome. Federation members actively participating include Bishop Charles W. Brashares, Henry Hitt Crane, Harold A. Bosley, Harold C. Case, Kermit Eby, Georgia Harkness, George M. Houser, Charles W. Iglehart, Mrs. Alexander Stewart, Herman Will, Jr.

ship. We will be judged more by fruits than professions; so resounding defeat of repressive legislation will enhance our moral and spiritual prestige.

American democracy may be in its Valley Forge—time for loyalty greater than that from summer soldiers or sunshine patriots. That great America our forbears wrought—is threatened today by reckless hysteria. We who love and serve democratic America will be in the crucial battle now being waged, and will be counted for the liberties of all. J. R. M.

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Events at Washington continue to reveal the extent to which the cold war is undermining constitutional democracy.

**HUMAN RIGHTS VS. GOVERNMENT RIGHTS**—To its recent lessening of the security of the people against "unreasonable searches and seizures" the Supreme Court has added the cancelling out, for political trials in the District of Columbia, of the right of accused persons to "trial by an impartial jury." This it did in sustaining the conviction of Communist Party Secretary Dennis for contempt of the Un-American Committee. The Court, refusing again the basic question of the constitutionality of the Committee, took this case on the sole issue of whether a jury composed mostly of government workers could be impartial. With all recent political trials showing the need for the strictest interpretation of the guarantee of an impartial jury the Court took the opposite course. As the dissenting minority pointed out, the decision was based on unrelated precedents, and assumptions at variance with the prevailing facts. The actual situation was indicated by the number of prospective jurors unable to affirm impartiality. Also by a report that two jurors had been pressured into consent by certain government workers. Also relevant was a letter in the New York Post, signed F. H., saying "I was afraid that if I found Hiss innocent I would be branded as a Communist."

Behind this decision is the cold war logic revealed in the case of a government worker asking redress for unwarranted dismissal. The ruling of a District of Columbia Court of Appeals was that "the injustices suffered by an individual were of minor consequence compared to the right of the government to sustain itself and its policies." This logic leads straight to the totalitarian state.

**MAN'S INTOLERANCE OF MAN**—In the Bridges case the constitutional provision that no one shall be put in jeopardy twice for the same offense was nullified by technicalities which amount to chicanery. When the Supreme Court, rejecting the same kind of perjured evidence used this time, threw out a previous case, Justice Murphy wrote: "The record in this case will stand forever as a monument to man's intolerance of man."

The unconstitutional thinking of the Department of Justice was revealed when its representative, asking the House Appropriations Committee for additional funds said there were 12,000 cases on the list to be tried if the Smith Act is upheld. "The bulk of the cases involve subversive activity as applied to individuals and organizations. By that I mean persons who are active members of the Communist Party and similar organizations, or who appear to be acting in concert with Russian interests." That can mean acting for peace.

**TRUTH DISTORTED FOR PARTISAN GAIN**—In its annual report the Un-American Committee urges that the law on treason be extended to cover the cold war. The "overt act" of the Constitution would then give way to whatever phobia ridden minds conceived might give "aid and comfort to the enemy," defined by cold war supporters as Russia and communism.

For another perversion of the Constitution witness the behaviour of a Senator twice censured by the Supreme Court of his state for violations of legal and judicial ethics. Does anybody imagine that the immunity of national legislators from suit for libel and slander provided by our founding fathers to protect fearless performance of public duty was meant to cover such "cruel and unusual punishment" of innocent persons, such obstruction of the pressing business of government, such scurrilous distortion of the truth for personal and partisan political gain, as is now going on in the Senate?

All these incidents evidence the fact written large when capitalist democracy was replacing feudal autocracy, that in such a time the machinery of justice tends to become an instrument to maintain the old order. When that happens the only way out for the people is violent revolution. This is the price the American people will finally have to pay for social advance if they now fail to keep the democratic justice, and use the democratic rights, won for them by their forefathers through revolutionary war. H. F. W.

**INTERRACIAL WORKSHOPS** sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Congress of Racial Equality will be held this July in Washington, D. C., and St. Louis, Mo. Each workshop open to only 25 men and women. Deadline for application is June 1. Cost for full month will be \$70.00. Write to Interracial Workshop, 513 W. 166th Street, New York 32.

● Be sure to read Bishop Oxman's booklet, "The Reply the Reader's Digest Refused to Publish". May be secured from the Bishop's office at 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C., for 10¢ a copy.

to retire, they were entitled by the policy to what they had contributed. This they received. What was left of the church's contribution toward their pension, recorded as a charge against production costs, will show this coming year in the earnings.

Much effort was made to determine fair severance pay, but the result amounted to about five months pay for a 58 year old woman who had worked for the Chicago plant some 40 years. Not old enough for a pension, (although her length of service would have entitled her to one in most large companies), she could have one only if the company would so recommend. When she was urged to ask for it by fellow-employees because of the state of her health, she was not permitted to bring these employees with her while she discussed her case, and was persuaded to wait until she was 65 because the pension would amount to \$300 a year then, and only about half that now. Her next job she held only one day, and is working in some unskilled line at the last report.

**NEEDED: FAITH IN PEOPLE**—Is not our sin that we treat human beings as economic goods, and not as persons in God's image to be consulted in decisions affecting our common lives? We profess belief in collective bargaining, but in this situation we denied our faith.

Francis Asbury said, "Propagation of religious knowledge by the press is next to the preaching of the gospel." How we have been handling that press has been preaching more effectively than anything we say. It should not surprise us too much if in the next generation there are large masses of workmen, like in England today, who have forgotten the name of the church they are staying away from.

## CHAPTER NEWS

*Pacific Northwest* Chapter, together with the Editor published in the Conference quarterly, "Pacific Northwest News", excerpts from the National Health Insurance and Public Health Act introduced into Congress a year ago. *Chicago* Chapter will hold election of officers at next supper meeting and plan to invite the Garrett Chapter. Letters were sent to High and Digest.

*Erie* Chapter held its annual spring meeting at New Wilmington, Pa. on April 11. Speakers included Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke (who spoke on the Church and Social Action), Bruce Middaugh, George A. Myers, Delbert Jolley, Robert Browning and Albert C. Howe. New officers include: Pres.—Rev. Owen W. Shields; Vice-Pres.—Rev. James Kelly; Secretary—Rev. Robert L. Browning; Treasurer—Rev. Albert C. Howe; Editor "Bulletinette"—Rev. Donald E. Struchen.

Full responsibility for national dues collection has been taken on to date by 18 Chapters. Which Chapter will be next to join in this cooperative undertaking along with: Boston University, Chicago, Erie, Garrett, Iowa-Des Moines, Lexington, Maine, New York, New York East, North Carolina (C), North-East Ohio, Ohio, Oregon, Pacific Northwest, Philadelphia, Rock River, St. Paul, Southern California-Arizona.

**READER'S DIGEST** article still brings interesting correspondence to our desk. We especially like this one from a member minister in Alabama: "The current 'Pink Fringe' controversy, started by Mr. Stanley High in February, and kept alive by reactionaries especially through the pages of the Alabama Christian Advocate, makes me appreciate the M.F.S.A. more. Five dollars of the enclosed check is to renew my membership. The other five dollars is to represent my vote of confidence for the Federation." This is the spirit which has helped our Federation ride the storms of controversy inevitable in its 43 years of prophetic religious activity.

**STUDY OF RACIAL POLICIES**—You'll want to read "How Wide the Door", a report by a special committee appointed by the Youth Commission of the Methodist Conference on Christian Education on racial policies of the Methodist Church related to educational institutions. 15¢ from National Conference of Methodist Youth, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tenn.

"**CHARACTER ASSASSINATION** by Jerome Davis, introduction by Robert Maynard Hutchins, Chancellor of the University of Chicago. Described by Dean Walter Muelder as, "A brilliant analysis of the pathology of bigotry in our time and a timely call to virile Americanism with liberty and justice to all." Deals in part with MFSA. Special pre-publication offer of \$2.00 per copy. Jerome Davis, 1415 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, Colorado.